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TO: LME Directors

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RE: Report on MH/DD/SA Admissions to Hospital Emergency Departments

State law requires the Department of Health and Human Services to provide information to Local Managing Entities (LMEs) on individuals with a diagnosis of a mental health, developmental disabilities, or substance abuse disorder who were admitted to community hospital emergency departments. The attached report provides the most current information available on those admissions.

This report provides summary data on admissions to community hospital emergency departments that took place between April 1, 2010 and June 30, 2010. During this period, approximately 13 percent of emergency department admissions statewide involved individuals with a primary or co-occurring diagnosis of mental health, developmental disabilities, or substance abuse disorder.

Please note that the reporting format will change for data collected during State Fiscal Year 2011. The format is changing in order to provide data to Local Managing Entities in a more expedient manner-as well as to allow analysis on a local level.

Please send questions via electronic mail to ContactDMHQuality@dhhs.nc.gov

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